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Letter dated 28 May 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by an official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar on 24 May 2002 in which the State of Qatar, in its capacity as Chairman of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, expressed its grave concern over the existing dangerous escalation between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of India (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 28 May 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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The State of Qatar, chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, has expressed its grave concern over the existing dangerous escalation between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of India.

An official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that the State of Qatar, being keen on the maintenance of security and stability in both countries and the region in general, and in pursuance of the principle of good-neighbourly relations and mutual interests, calls upon the two neighbouring States to exercise self-restraint, reduce tension and appeal to wisdom for solving the crisis existing between them.